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Dear Dr. Summerson:

1 I urge you not to send radioactive waste shipments through such a populated metro area as St. Louis, nor through the state of Missouri due to the poor condition of highways and rail lines throughout this state. St. Louis recently experienced a derailment of 14 coal cars; if these had been filled with radioactive wastes, it would have necessitated evacuation of the population, and could have ended in tragedy.

2 In addition to the physical danger associated with transporting radioactive wastes, the DOE's proposal creates a danger that citizens' rights may be abrogated due to the secretive nature of such transports.

3 Moreover, the transportation of these wastes along public rights of way may well attract the activities of anti-tax, anti-government, and/or international terrorists, who may try to take advantage of the vulnerability of the situation by taking hostages to make their point. And the proposed concentration of these wastes on a slab of concrete near Yucca Mountain creates another magnet for terrorist activities.

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If these wastes were to be left where they are now -- at the relatively well-guarded and relatively safe sites where the high-level radiation is being produced, e.g. at nuclear power plants -- the radioactivity will have awhile longer to decay, so that if and when the wastes are eventually transported to a final, approved burial site, they will be less radioactive during transport, and thus less dangerous, than they are now.

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Therefore, I urge you to spend the DOE's budget and staff in finding better methods to permanently dispose of these radioactive wastes, rather than spending your effort in transporting them to a temporary holding site.

Please keep me informed as to the other comments you receive, and let me know the basis on which your decision is made.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Virginia Harris

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